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KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST’S MOTOR VEHICLE USE MAP AVAILABLE

Yreka, CA. – The Klamath National Forest’s Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), which displays designated motorized vehicle routes available for public use, is now available for public distribution.

Issuance of the map officially implements the Forest’s 2010 Motorized Travel Management Decision.

“We’ve worked with the public, interest and users groups, and elected officials in crafting the decision and creating the map,” said Patricia Grantham, Forest Supervisor. “Finding the right mix between motorized access, natural resource protection, and road maintenance concerns was challenging. I appreciate everyone who helped get us here.”

The MVUM is the legal document that displays which Forest Service roads and trails are designated for motor vehicle use. Forest Service routes not shown on the MVUM are not available for motor vehicle use. The MVUM does not provide information on routes crossing other jurisdictions (such as private property), non-motorized routes (such as hiking, biking or horse trails), or over-snow motorized use. Routes designated for motorized use are signed to help users locate designated routes and trails on the ground.

In the immediate future, Forest Service employees, including Law Enforcement and Forest Protection Officers, will be providing educational material to Forest users to encourage compliance and clarify information printed on the MVUM. The public is asked to let their local Forest Service office know if they see some activity occurring that does not seem to be allowed by the MVUM.

“The MVUM will be reviewed and revised annually,” added Grantham. “I expect that routes will be added over time and some will be dropped. We welcome suggestions on how to improve the motorized network on the Klamath.”

While the MVUM covers the entire Forest, it has been divided into 6 smaller maps to provide sufficient detail for users. They are free to the public and available at all Klamath National Forest offices and on the website. The maps are black-and-white with limited landmarks and reference points. The MVUM is not meant to be used as a stand-alone map, but is intended to be used in conjunction with other Forest Service maps, such as the Forest Visitor Map. On-line map resources and other navigational tools are also available at www.fs.usda.gov/klamath.

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